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For Immediate Release:

EIU PRESIDENT RECOVERS FROM SURGERY

CHARLESTON – Following a diagnosis of breast cancer in early September, Dr. Carol Surles, president of Eastern Illinois University, underwent surgery on Sept. 18, 2000.

Fortunately, because of early detection, the prognosis is good.

On the advice of physicians, Dr. Surles will reduce her performance duties. During the three-month period from Dec. 1, 2000, to Feb. 28, 2001, she will begin a chemical program and continue physical therapy.

Dr. Surles will maintain regular contact with the chair of the Board of Trustees and members of the President's Council by telephone and e-mail. In addition, she will hold weekly staff meetings by speaker phone with the President's Council.

Dr. Surles will work diligently to formulate the university's plans for the 2001 legislative session, to move the university's searches for administrative positions forward, and to attend to other urgent matters.

Matters of general concern, as well as student-related matters, should be directed to the

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

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DR. SURLES

senior vice president, Lou Hencken; academic matters should be directed to Interim Provost Lida Wall; business matters should be directed to Mr. Jeff Cooley; and matters involving external relations should be directed to Dr. Jill Nilsen.

Board Chairman Carl Koerner said, "We request your understanding and cooperation at this time."